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SUBJECT: REGIONAL ENERGY OFFICERS TRAINING SESSION,
OCTOBER 14-15 IN ATHENS

1. (SBU) The State Department,s Bureau of Economics and Energy (EEB) and Embassy Athens will host a conference on Eurasian Energy with energy officers from the region October 14-15 in Athens. The purpose of this meeting will be to provide energy officers a forum to discuss energy developments in Eurasia and to assess broader economic and geopolitical trends in the region. The session will also allow officers to review and discuss outcomes of last year,s conference in Sofia and to consider ways to work most effectively together in support of US goals.

2. (SBU) Agenda: EEB has developed an agenda in cooperation with EUR/ERA and Embassy Athens, while drawing on input from regional energy officers. The agenda is enclosed below (see Para 6).

3. (SBU) Attendees: This meeting is intended for energy

officers and key Washington working level staff. Addressee posts include key European capitals as well as producer, transit, and/or consumer countries in the Caspian and Black Sea regions. If posts and/or Washington agencies have suggestions of others in the field or in Washington who should be included, please advise. Due to space considerations, we envision about 40 participants.

¶4. (U) Schedule: October 14: Energy Training Session from 8:30 to 5:00, followed by a no-host dinner. October 15: Energy discussions from 8:30 to 5:30 pm.

¶5. (U) Action: Overseas Posts and Washington invitees are requested to register attendance as soon as possible, but no later than October 2nd. Embassy Athens will provide more detailed information on the program, accommodations, etc., in early October. The appropriate contacts at Embassy Athens are: Betsy Zouroudis, e-mail: ZouroudisB@state.gov, telephone: 30-210-720-2312 and Kiriaki Lamnatou, e-mail: LamnatouKA@state.gov, telephone: 30-210-720-2311. Please inform Robert Byla at BylaRK@state.gov of your plans as well.

¶6. (SBU) REGIONAL ENERGY OFFICERS TRAINING SESSION, OCTOBER 14-15 IN ATHENS

October 14: Overview

08:30 Arrival at Embassy and Check In
08:45 Welcome by Ambassador Speckhard

09:00 Overview of Energy Supply and Demand Trends (DOE and EEB)
i. DoE Short and Long Term Projections
ii. Key Issues, Overview

10:00 Global energy brief (Corporate)

11:00 Coffee Break
11:30 Washington Perspective: USG International Energy Policy (DAS Hengel)

12:00 Washington Perspective Part II: USG Eurasian Energy Policy (S.E. Gray, DAS Bryza)

1:00 Lunch (DEPA President Makis Papageorgiou: TGI Status Report)

2:00 Oil Development and Transport in Eurasia (Corporate)

2:45 Gas Supply and Transit in Eurasia (Corporate)

3:30 Coffee Break

4:00 Industry Views (Corporate)

8:00 No-Host Dinner with Embassy Athens DCM McCarthy

October 15: Regional Focus

8:30 Europe: Country Perspectives on Diversification (Kyiv, Bucharest, Berlin)

9:30 European Diversification Possibilities (USEU, Ankara, USTDA)

10:30 Coffee

11:00 Eurasian Upstream (Astana, Ashgabat, Baku)

12:00 Lunch (Speaker TBD)

1:30 Russia

¶A. Russian Energy Policy

¶B. Effects Post-Georgia

[¶C.](#) How Energy Fits In

2:30 The Iranian Wildcard: Energy Policy, Supplies, Direction

3:30 INR Presentation on Communications

4:30 Concluding Thoughts

[¶A.](#) Ongoing Policy Initiatives

[¶B.](#) Timeline/Visits

[¶C.](#) Coordination Between Washington and the Field

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